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Dear Mr. Reilly:

As you know, the Ethyl Corporation has filed a request with the Environmental Protection Agency to permit the use of its HiTEC 3000 fuel additive in unleaded gasoline. Given the effort by Congress and the Administration to improve the nation's air quality by tightening and expanding the Clean Air Act, and the crisis in the Persian Gulf that threatens to destabilize our economy due to our unforgivable dependence upon foreign oil, I strongly urge that you give this waiver petition prompt and thorough review.

HiTEC 3000 promises exciting things. After two years of extensive testing, the Ethyl Corporation feels that HiTEC 3000 will reduce carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide tailpipe emissions without any practical adverse effect on hydrocarbon emissions. It will increase the octane of gasoline by approximately one octane number at one-third the cost of the aromatics currently used as octane enhancers. Finally, it will save more crude oil annually than is purchased each year for the strategic petroleum reserve. HiTEC 3000 is compatible with methanol, ethanol and oxygenate blends and should play an important role in reformulating the gasoline of tomorrow.

To my knowledge, there has been no adverse environmental impact associated with HITEC 3000. In light of its potential positive effect upon both the quality of our air and our economy, I hope you will give the Ethyl Corporation's petition expeditious and favorable consideration.

With appreciation for your courtesy and assistance, I am

Sincerely,

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